CLAIMS

1. An information processing apparatus for controlling an output of predetermined content, characterized by having:

5   display control means that displays a selection screen for said content in which metadata as data affixed to said content is disposed, said selection screen having at least an area in which the metadata for designating an information acquisition range is arranged and an area to

10   be used for designation of other metadata and display of a search result;

       acquiring means that acquires, when predetermined one of said metadata is selected from said selection screen displayed by said display control means,

15   information on other content having same metadata as said selected metadata; and

       output means that displays said information acquired by said acquiring means and outputs said other content in response to an instruction of an output of

20   said other content.

2. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by further having:

       storing means that stores said metadata selected

25   from said selection screen, and

       characterized in that, when said information processing apparatus is activated, said acquiring means acquires information on said other content having same metadata as said metadata stored in said storing means.

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3. The information processing apparatus according to

claim 1, characterized in that, when said metadata for designating the information acquisition range is selected, said acquiring means acquires information on said other content in a range designated by said selected metadata.

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4. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by further having:

detecting means for detecting a selection of said metadata, and

10   characterized in that said detecting means detects a selection of said metadata in response to a motion of a cursor displayed on said selection screen.

5. The information processing apparatus according to
15   claim 1, characterized in that said acquiring means acquires information on said other content from an information managing apparatus connected via a network.

6. The information processing apparatus according to
20   claim 5, characterized in that when said information processing apparatus is activated, said acquiring means acquires information on other content having same metadata as said metadata recorded in storing means of said information managing apparatus.

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7. An information processing method for an information processing apparatus for controlling an output of predetermined content, characterized by including:

a display control step of displaying a selection
30   screen for said content in which metadata as data affixed to said content is disposed, said selection screen having

at least an area in which the metadata for designating an
information acquisition range is arranged and an area to
be used for designation of other metadata and display of
a search result;

5   an acquiring step of, when predetermined one of
said metadata is selected from said selection screen
displayed in said display control step, acquiring
information on other content having same metadata as said
selected metadata; and

10   an output step of displaying said information
acquired by said acquiring step and outputting said other
content in response to an instruction of an output of
said other content.

15   8. A program for making a computer execute a process of
controlling an output of predetermined content,
characterized by including:
        a display control step of displaying a selection
screen for said content in which metadata as data affixed
20   to said content is disposed, said selection screen having
at least an area in which the metadata for designating an
information acquisition range is arranged and an area to
be used for designation of other metadata and display of
a search result;

25   an acquiring step of, when predetermined one of
said metadata is selected from said selection screen
displayed in said display control step, acquiring
information on other content having same metadata as said
selected metadata; and

30   an output step of displaying said information
acquired by said acquiring step and outputting said other

content in response to an instruction of an output of
said other content.